

**Remarks**

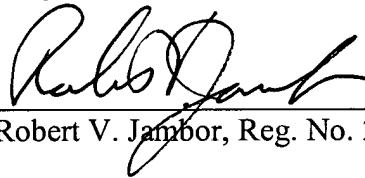
The above amendments are made without prejudice. The restriction requirement is respectfully transversed.

Claim 1 and 10 have been amended to clarify the recitation of the permissible scope of the invention.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to be directed to the method of making a metal tube and the tube. Only one search is necessary in class 138. The restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute claims 1-9.

Respectfully submitted,



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